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### **Media Advisory**

## SUPERINTENDENT LUNA, USDA OFFICIALS TO AWARD GOODING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BOISE – Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna will join U.S. Department of Agriculture Deputy Under Secretary Janey Thornton on Thursday morning to honor Gooding Elementary School as the first school in the nation to earn the *HealthierUS School Challenge Gold of Distinction Award*.

The Gold of Distinction Award recognizes Gooding Elementary School's efforts to improve the health, nutrition and physical fitness of the students and staff at Gooding Elementary School and other members of the Gooding community.

Please join us at the award ceremony at 9 a.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2009 to learn more about this prestigious award and Gooding Elementary School. Students and teachers along with Superintendent Luna and USDA Deputy Under Secretary Janey Thornton will be available for interviews after the awards ceremony.

Here are the details of the event:

Date:	Thursday, November 19, 2009
Time:	9 a.m. MST
Location:	Gooding High School, 1050 7 <sup>th</sup> Avenue West, Gooding (Gooding Elementary School won the award, but the event will be held at Gooding High School to accommodate all students and community members.)
What:	Superintendent Luna and USDA Deputy Under Secretary Janey Thornton will present the prestigious award to Gooding Elementary School

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